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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 909
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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: SOPN, PINR, IN , US
SUBJECT: FUROR IN LOK SABHA OVER REPORTS OF
HIMALAYAN MONITORING DEVICE

1. AGITATED MEMBERS OF THE LOK SABHA TODAY (APRIL 14)
RAISED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING PRESS REPORTS THAT THE
CIA PLANTED A NUCLEAR-POWERED MONITORING DEVICE IN THE
HIMALAYAS IN 1965. ACCORDING TO THE INDIAN WIRE SERVICE,
FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE ASSURED THE MP'S THAT THE
GOVERNMENT TAKES A SERIOUS VIEW OF THE REPORTS. HE SAID HE
HAD CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR GOHEEN INDIA'S "GRAVE CONCERN"
OVER THE MATTER AND ADDED THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD PROMISED
TO CONTACT WASHINGTON "AND GIVE US FULL INFORMATION.
WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO COLLECT INFORMATION FROM OUR SOURCES."
VAJPAYEE SAID THAT HE WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE
SUBJECT IN THE HOUSE ON MONDAY, APRIL 17. ALTHOUGH HE WAS
PREPARED TO TAKE THE MEMBERS INTO CONFIDENCE NOW ON THE
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BASIS OF WHATEVER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE, HE PREFERRED
THAT THE HOUSE WAIT UNTIL ITS NEXT SITTING ON MONDAY.

2. THE ISSUE WAS RAISED WHEN OPPOSITION MP'S BELONGING
TO THE OFFICIAL CONGRESS, CONGRESS (I) AND CPI SOUGHT
TO MOVE AN ADJOURNMENT MOTION TO ALLOW DISCUSSION OF THE
REPORTS. ALTHOUGH THE SPEAKER DISALLOWED THE ADJOURNMENT

MOTION, HEATED EXCHANGES FOLLOWED UNTIL VAJPAYEE INTERVENED.

3. THE PREVIOUSLY-SCHEDULED DEBATE ON THE DEMANDS FOR GRANTS OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IS SLATED TO BEGIN THIS AFTERNOON AND CONTINUE WHEN THE LOK SABHA CONVENES AGAIN ON MONDAY. THE MONITORING DEVICE ISSUE IS LIKELY TO BE RAISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS DEBATE.
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